

Service Programs

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The programming of a large switching machine requires that many service functions be performed on a general purpose computer. This article describes the service program package that supports the No. 2 Electronic Switching System. This package includes an advanced macro assembler to convert symbolic source programs into binary object programs, a loader to combine independent assemblies, and a simulator to provide checkout facilities.

I. INTRODUCTION

The No. 2 Electronic Switching System is a stored program control telephone switching system. The minimum program consists of about 75,000 instructions arranged in 22-bit words and written in more than 50 separate sections. It is clearly impractical to write such a program without extensive computer aids.

1.1 Functions

Major steps provided by the No. 2 ESS service programs are shown in Fig. 1. The assembler separately converts each symbolic source program from the language written by the programmer to the binary language of the No. 2 ESS. The loader then combines these separately assembled sections and resolves references between them. The output of the loader may be used by the magnet program to prepare the punched cards used in magnetizing the actual program store, or by the simulator. The simulator, using tables prepared by the assembler, furnishes more powerful program checkout facilities than would be practical on a switching machine and provides these facilities before the laboratory model is available.

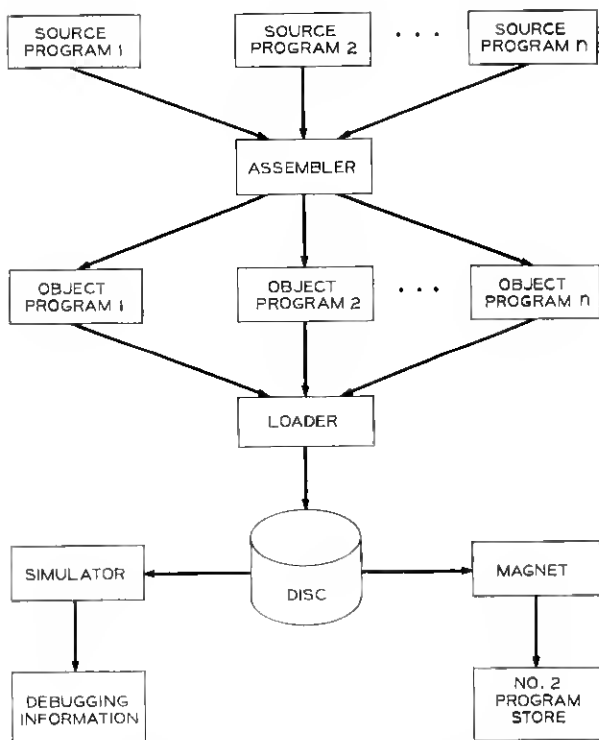


Fig. 1 — Major steps in program processing.

1.2 Organization

The No. 2 ESS service programs run on an IBM 360 computer system with at least 262,144 bytes of storage. They operate as a subsystem under Operating System 360. This gives the users a uniform interface to all service programs and isolates them from the complexities of System 360 job control language.

II. ASSEMBLER

The primary purpose of an assembler is to convert a source program written in symbolic language to an object program which is in machine (binary) language. The switching assembler program (SWAP) was designed to do this for No. 2 ESS and several other stored program systems. Each machine instruction is represented by a symbolic code which the assembler translates to the appropriate bit pattern in the object program.

A programmer may assign a symbolic representation for any location in the object machine memory and then refer to that location symbolically in an instruction. By this method of reference, the program can be changed without regard for location changes caused by the insertion or deletion of words.

Symbolic addressing also allows a data constant to be defined with a symbolic name and then used in many places. If the value of the constant is changed, all the places it is used need not be hunted and changed. The method of defining data as well as many other functions is done through assembler control instructions called pseudo-operations. A pseudo-operation does not usually result in object code, but tells the assembler how to translate symbolic information it will encounter in the program.

2.1 *Input Syntax*

2.1.1 *Fields*

The general form of a SWAP input line is anchored free field. This means that, beyond column one, there are no restrictions as to where on the line the information appears. The four major divisions of an input line are called fields: the location field, if present, must start in column one; the operation field follows the location field; the variable field follows the operation field; and the comment field is last.

Fields must be separated by one or more blanks or a single comma, except for the comment field which must start with a sharp sign (#). (If a sharp sign appears in column one, the entire line is treated as commentary.) The variable field, sometimes called the address field, may be terminated in three ways: (i) any number of blanks followed by a sharp, (ii) the physical end of the line, or (iii) the logical end of line which is indicated by a semicolon. When a line is truncated by a semicolon, the character immediately following the semicolon is considered to be column one of the next line.

2.1.2 *Continuations*

A continuation may be indicated by the at sign (@) used in either of two places. If an at sign is the last nonblank character on a line, then the next line is a continuation. If an at sign appears in column one of a line, then the line with the at sign is a continuation of the previous line. In both cases, the lines are joined at the at sign which is discarded by the assembler.

2.2 Basic Pseudo-Operations

2.2.1 EQU, SET, and TEXT Pseudo-Operations

The most basic pseudo-operations are those that define a symbolic representation for a quantity: the EQU and SET pseudo-operations assign a numeric value to a symbol; the TEXT pseudo-operation defines a symbolic name for a string of characters. While symbols defined with SET and TEXT may be redefined, those defined by EQU may not.

Either of the following lines would assign the value 10 to the symbol SYMB:

```
SYMB EQU 10
```

```
SYMB SET 10.
```

To define or redefine the symbol VOWELS with the string of five vowels as its value, the following statement would be used:

```
VOWELS TEXT 'AEIOU'
```

2.2.2 JUMP and DO Pseudo-Operations

The pseudo-operations that allow the normal sequence of processing to be modified provide the real power of an assembler. In SWAP, the pseudo-operations that provide that control are JUMP and DO. JUMP forces the assembler to continue sequential processing with the indicated line, ignoring any intervening lines. As an example, consider the following sequence of lines:

```

.
.
.
JUMP .LINE
A EQU 2
.LINE;B EQU 3
.
.
.
```

The symbol A will not be defined because that line would be skipped under control of the JUMP. The symbol .LINE is called a sequence symbol and is treated not as a normal location field but only as the destination of a JUMP. The first character of a sequence symbol must be a period. The line that is "jumped" to may be either before or after the JUMP statement.

The JUMP is taken conditionally when an expression is used as the following example shows:

```

INC SET 0
.AA;INC SET INC+1      # INCREASE COUNTER
      JUMP .XX,INC>10   # IS IT OVER LIMIT
      .
      .
      .
      JUMP .AA          # GO AROUND AGAIN
.XX

```

The JUMP to .XX will occur only if the value of the symbol INC is greater than ten.

The DO pseudo-operation is used to control an assembly time loop and may be written in one of three forms:

- (i) DO .LOC,VAR=INIT,TEXP,INC
- (ii) DO .LOC,VAR=INIT,LIMIT,INC
- (iii) DO .LOC,VAR=(LIST)

Types *i* and *ii* assign the value of INIT to the variable symbol VAR and then assemble all the lines up to and including the line with .LOC in its location field. The value of INC (if INC is omitted, 1 is assumed) is added to the value of VAR. For type *i*, the truth value expression TEXP is evaluated; if it is true, the loop is repeated. Type *ii* compares the value of VAR with the value of LIMIT; the loop is repeated if INC is positive and the value of VAR is less than or equal to the value of LIMIT. If INC is negative, the loop is repeated only when the value of VAR is greater than or equal to the value of LIMIT. Type *iii* assigns to VAR the value of the first item in LIST. Succeeding values are used for each successive time around the loop until LIST is exhausted.

The following is an example of the use of DO

```

          DO      .AA,INC=1,3
          GT      INC
.AA      TCS      TBL+INC

```

The assembler will produce the same output from these three lines as from the following sequence:

```

GT      1
TCS     TBL+1

```

GT	2
TCS	TBL + 2
GT	3
TCS	TBL + 3

2.3 *Symbols and Attributes*

Symbolic names are limited to fewer than 250 alpha-numeric characters at least one of which must be alphabetic. The alphabetic characters are considered to include the 26 upper and 26 lower case letters as well as the underscore and percent sign. A symbol may be used to identify a program store location, call store address, or a program parameter. The value of a symbol may be a 32-bit integer, a character string, or another symbol. In addition, every symbol may have up to 250 attributes which are 24-bit integers. The *x* attribute of the symbol *A* is represented by *x*(*A*). The following line, for example, sets the ALPHA attribute of the symbol SA to ten greater than the BETA attribute of symbol SB.

ALPHA(SA) SET BETA(SB) + 10

2.3.1 *Symbol Types*

Each symbol has an associated type character; a program store location symbol, for example, has type L. The type of each operand in an arithmetic or logical expression is used to determine the correct method of evaluating the expression. It is also used to check for illegal combinations of operands and to appropriately mark the error.

2.3.2 *Available Type Characters*

Some of the available type characters and their meanings are:

- A—absolute symbol
- C—call store location symbol
- D—program store data location symbol
- J—truth valued symbol
- L—program store location symbol
- N—integer
- T—text symbol
- X—external symbol

2.4 *Arithmetic and Logical Expressions*

Arithmetic or logical expressions consist of a string of operands separated by operators or parentheses. An operand may be an integer, symbol, function call, attribute reference, indirect symbol, or character

string. A character string in an expression is represented by enclosing the string in either single or double quotation marks and is converted to a 32-bit binary integer when used in any operation except a comparison. An indirect symbol is a symbol defined by the text pseudo-operation where the character string definition is a valid arithmetic or logical expression.

The following is a list of the available arithmetic, logical, comparison, and special operators, listed in the order of hierarchal preference; the first to be evaluated are at the top of the list. The order of evaluation may be controlled by the use of parentheses.

Special Operators

" or "	Indicates beginning or end of character string.
?	Result is true when preceded by an operand.

Arithmetic Operators

** or ↑	Exponentiation
{*	Multiplication
}	Division
unary -	Negation
unary +	No operation
{+	Addition
{-}	Subtraction

Comparison Operators

These operators are all of the same hierarchal value and yield a result of either true or false.

=	Equals
>	Greater than
<	Less than
≠ or ≠	Not equal
>, >=, or ≥	Greater than or equal
<, <=, or ≤	Less than or equal

The hierarchy of comparison operators is slightly different when they are used in a double relation; for example, $A < B < C$ will have a result of true only when A is less than B and B is less than C.

Logical Operators

{&	Logical intersection.
{¬	The intersection of the left operand with the complement of the right operand.

unary \neg	Complement
	Logical union
!	Logical exclusive or

2.4.1 *Predefined Arithmetic and Logical Functions*

Several built-in or predefined functions are available to aid in evaluating some of the more common or complicated expressions. The following is a partial list of the available predefined functions:

D(EXP)	Results in the value of the expression EXP with any integers that occur interpreted as decimal.
E(EXP)	The result is 2 raised to the EXP power.
MAX(EXP ₁ , ..., EXP _n)	Results in the maximum of EXP ₁ through EXP _n .
PAR(EXP)	Returns the even parity of the value of the expression EXP.
STYP(EXP,C)	Returns the value of EXP, but the type of the result is the character C.

2.4.2 *Programmer-Defined functions*

To allow the programmer to define any number of new functions, the DFN pseudo-operation is provided. The general form of a function definition is written:

$$\text{DFN } F(P_1, P_2, \dots, P_n) = A_1 : B_1, A_2 : B_2, \dots, A_n : B_n$$

where F is the function name, the P_k are dummy parameter names, and the A_k and B_k are any valid expressions that may contain the P_k and other variables.

To evaluate the function, the B_k are evaluated left to right. The result is the value of the A_k corresponding to the first B_k that has a nonzero or true value. If B_n is not present, it is assumed to be true; also if all the B_k are false, the value returned is zero. The parameter expressions are evaluated, and these values are used whenever a dummy parameter is encountered in the defining expression.

Two features are provided to allow an arbitrary number of arguments in the call of a function. The first is the ability to ask if an argument was implicitly omitted from the call (explicitly omitted arguments are treated as zero). This feature is invoked by a question mark immediately following the dummy parameter. If the argument was present, the result of the parameter-question mark is the value true; otherwise, the value is false. For example, the definition:

$$\text{DFN INC}(X, Y) = X + Y ? Y, X + 1$$

would yield the value 7 when called by INC(3,4) but the value of INC(3) is 4.

The other feature is the ability to loop over a part of the defining expression, using successive argument values wherever the last dummy parameter appears in the range of the loop. This feature is invoked by the appearance of an ellipsis (...) in the defining expression. The range of the loop is from the operator immediately preceding the ellipsis backward to the first occurrence of the same operator at the same level of parentheses. As an example, consider the following statement:

DFN SUM(A,B,X,Y) = A + X**(Y + 1) + . . . + B/2

The range of the loop is from the + between the A and the X to the + following the right parentheses. The call SUM(2,18,3,1,2,3) would yield the same result as the following expression:

$2 + 3^{**}(1+1) + 3^{**}(2+1) + 3^{**}(3+1) + 18/2.$

The loop may also extend over the expression between two commas as the next example shows. A function to do the exclusive OR of an indefinite number of arguments could be defined by:

DFN XOR(A,B,C) = A \neg B | B \neg A : \neg C?, XOR(XOR(A,B),C, . . .)

2.5 Macro Definitions

The real power of an assembler lies in the flexibility it provides the programmer. The *macro* facilities incorporated in SWAP have more than the necessary features to make it one of the most powerful assemblers available. A macro instruction is an abbreviated form for a sequence of predefined instructions, pseudo-operations, or comments. Whenever a macro is called, the predefined sequence is generated in place of the macro call. The sequence of statements generated by a macro may be varied by the use of any of the several conditional assembly facilities provided.

The general form of a macro definition is:

```
MACRO
prototype statement
macro text lines
MEND
```

The prototype statement contains the name of the macro definition as well as the dummy parameter names which are used in the definition.

The macro text lines, a series of statements which make up the definition of the macro, will be reproduced whenever the macro is called.

The following is an example of a simple macro that may be used to move data from one call store location to another:

```
MACRO
LOC MOVE FROM,TO
LOC RED FROM
WRI TO
MEND
```

The subsequent macro call:

```
SAVE MOVE NEWDATA,OLDDATA
```

would generate the following instructions:

```
SAVE RED NEWDATA
WRI OLDDATA
```

2.5.1 *Macro Arguments and Operators*

The general forms of a macro argument are *OP*(*ST*) or *PAR*. *OP* is called the operation part of the argument and includes all characters up to the first left parenthesis. *ST* is called the strip and (*ST*), the body of the argument. *PAR* is an argument that is not of the *op-strip* form. Several macro operators are available to allow the programmer to obtain these parts as well as other pertinent information about an argument. A macro operator is indicated by its name character followed by a period and the dummy parameter name of the operand. For example, the operation part of a parameter named *ARG* is obtained by the use of *o.ARG*, and the strip is represented by *s.ARG*. Whenever the *op* part of a argument is requested and the argument is not of the *op-strip* form, a null value is returned; the strip of a non *op-strip* argument is the entire argument.

2.5.2 *Macro Subarguments*

Many times the strip of a macro argument consists of a sublist of parameters. Any subparameter may be accessed by subscribing the parameter name with the number of the desired subargument. Additional levels of subarguments are obtained with the use of multiple indexes. As an example, let parameter *ARG* assume the value *P(Q,R(S,T))*, then: *ARG(0)* represents *P*; *ARG(1),Q*; *ARG(2),R(S,T)*; and *ARG(2,2)* would be replaced by *T*.

The macro operators may be used on the results of each other as well as on subparameters; for example, S.ARG(2) would refer to S,T.

The subargument indexes may be symbolic expressions that contain other macro parameters as the following example of a macro with a do loop demonstrates. A macro to copy data from one call store location to any number of other call store locations could be written:

```

MACRO
COPY    PARM
RED     O.PARM
DO      .LOOP,K=1,N.PARM
.LOOP   WRI    PARM(K)
MEND

```

The number macro operator, N, is replaced by the number of subarguments in its operand so that the DO will loop as many times as there are subarguments in PARM. The macro call:

```
COPY DATA(SAVE,HOLD)
```

will then generate the following instructions:

```

RED DATA
WRI SAVE
WRI HOLD

```

2.5.3 Macro Functions

To provide more flexibility with the use of macros, several system parameters and macro functions have been made available. A macro function call is replaced by the string of characters that is its result. The arguments of a macro function may consist of macro parameters, other macro function calls, literal character strings, or symbolic variables. An example would be the DEC macro function, which has a single argument that is a valid arithmetic or logical expression. The result is the decimal number equal to the value of the expression; the call DEC(7+8) would be replaced by 15.

The three major macro functions are:

- (i) IS(*expression*,*string*) is replaced by *string* if the value of *expression* is nonzero; otherwise, the result is the null string.
- (ii) IFNOT(*string*) is replaced by *string* if the *expression* in the previous is bad a value of zero; otherwise, the result is null.
- (iii) STR(*exp*₁,*exp*₂,*string*) is replaced by *exp*₂ characters starting with the *exp*₁ character of *string*.

A more sophisticated example of the use of macro functions is this version of the COPY macro:

```
MACRO
COPY  PARM
RED   O.PARM
DO    .LOOP,K=1,N.PARM

.LOOP  IS('PARM(K)'='HOLD',HGR)IFNOT(WRI PARM(K))

MEND
```

Using the above definition, the call:

```
COPY  DATA(SAVE,HOLD,LOC2)
```

would expand to:

```
RED   DATA
WRI   SAVE
HGR
WRI   LOC2
```

2.5.4 Keyword Arguments

It is often convenient to be able to override the positional relationship between the dummy parameters on the macro prototype line and the arguments on a macro call. This may be done when the macro is called by writing the parameter name followed by an equal sign and the argument string. An argument of this form is called a keyword argument. An example would be the following calls of the MOVE macro.

```
MOVE  FROM=NEWDATA,TO=OLDDATA

OR

MOVE  TO=OLDDATA,FROM=NEWDATA
```

Both calls will expand to the same instructions as the expansion of the MOVE macro without keyword arguments.

2.5.5 Default Arguments

Another convenience is the ability to have a standard, or default, value for a parameter. The default value would be used whenever the argument was omitted from the call. The default value must be assigned on the macro prototype line by an equal sign and the default value after the dummy parameter name. Another version of the MOVE macro is an example of assigning default values.

```
MACRO
MOVE   FROM=TEMP,TO=TEMP+14
RED     FROM
WRI     TO
MEND
```

The call:

```
MOVE   TO=OLDDATA
```

would then expand to:

```
RED     TEMP
WRI     OLDDATA
```

2.6 Automatic Instruction Insertion

No. 2 ESS instructions are put in the format of one or two per word. The half-word instructions of the No. 2 ESS occasionally cause a no-operation (NOP) instruction to be required. When there are an odd number of half-word instructions between full-word instructions or when the destination of a transfer would otherwise be in the middle of a word, a NOP is inserted by the assembler.

The half-word transfer commands specify a five bit address. The destination of such a transfer is thus limited to the same block of 32 words as the transfer. An instruction (FIL) is available to extend the addressing range to 1024 words by leaving five bits in a buffer. The assembler will give an error message each time a short transfer is used that: (i) requires but does not have an associated FIL, (ii) has a FIL that was not needed, or (iii) is insufficient even when a FIL is used.

When the programmer adds or deletes an instruction, a short transfer may require a FIL where it was not previously needed. SWAP inserts the appropriate FIL instruction wherever it is needed and attempts to place it where a NOP was required in the right half of a word. It is extremely difficult to have only the minimum number of FIL's and, therefore, some extra FIL commands will be inserted in the program. The automatic FIL insertion feature may be turned off if the programmer so desires.

2.7 Text Manipulating Facilities

Some of the more exotic features provided by the switching assembler program are the character string pseudo-operations and the dollar functions, so called because the function names all start with a dollar sign.

2.7.1 HUNT and SCAN Pseudo-Operations

The HUNT pseudo-operation allows the programmer to scan a string of characters for any break character in a second string. It will then define two TEXT symbols consisting of the portions of the string before and after the break character.

The SCAN pseudo-operation provides the extensive pattern matching facilities of SNOBOL3 along with success or failure transfer of control.¹ These features, too diverse to be discussed here, are covered in the references.

2.7.2 Dollar Functions

Dollar functions are very similar to macro functions in that the result of a dollar function call is a string of characters that replace the call. The dollar functions may be used on input lines as well as in macros. For example, \$(TSYM) would be replaced by the character string which is the value of the text symbol TSYM. A very useful feature of the dollar functions is in the ability to call a one-line macro anywhere on a line by preceding the macro name with a dollar sign and following it with the argument list in parenthesis. For example, the macro:

```
MACRO
CHECK  A,B

IS(A < B, DEC(B - A) MORE) IFNOT(DEC(B - A) OVER)

MEND
```

could be called by:

```
X  SET  5
LGR X  #  $CHECK(X,8)
```

but the line would appear in the assembly listing as:

```
LGR X  #  3 MORE
```

2.8 The Assembly Listing

Since the input line format for SWAP is free field, the assembly listing of the source lines may appear quite unreadable. Therefore, the normal procedure is to have the assembler align all the fields when a line is printed. For example, a programmer may punch his cards:

```
TRA          LOC # GO BACK
REST        LGR 7; GRXAA # LOAD AA
```

but the assembly listing would show the lines thus:

	TRA	LOC	# GO BACK
REST	LGR	7	
	GRXAA		# LOAD AA

The position of the fields as well as the position of the line is a programmer option. Some of the other options that are available to control the format of the listing are: double spacing, titling at the top and bottom of each page, and several classes of lines that may be printed at the programmer's discretion.

2.9 Inputs

SWAP may receive its original input from a card, disk, or tape data set. The SOURCE pseudo-operation allows the programmer to change the input source at any point within a program. Another source of input is the EDITOR program, which provides extensive facilities for making changes or corrections in a program.

2.9.1 The EDITOR Program

Any SWAP input line that contains a colon in column one is assumed to be an EDITOR control card and, therefore, invokes the EDITOR program. The EDITOR is then responsible for retrieving a source data set, making the indicated changes, and passing each line back to SWAP to be assembled. The EDITOR provides facilities for inserting, replacing, or removing lines as well as modifying a part of a line and moving or copying a group of lines to another position within the data set. Since the normal output of the EDITOR goes directly to the assembler, the original data set is not changed unless the programmer explicitly requests that the changes be permanently incorporated in a new copy of the data set.

2.9.2 Libraries

SWAP also has facilities to save symbol, instruction, or macro definitions in the form of libraries which may be loaded later in another assembly. When, for example several programs make use of a common set of macros, it is desirable to obtain them from the same source. The SOURCE pseudo-operation could be used for this, but it would require that each symbol, instruction, or macro be completely processed by the assembler. As this is relatively slow and inefficient, a method of producing a library which contains the processed definitions is provided. Later, if a program requires it, those definitions may be loaded and used, bypassing the costly definition process.

2.10 *Outputs*

The output of the assembler normally consists of the assembly listing and the object program module (see below) but other outputs may be obtained upon request. The libraries are one example. Special outputs can be produced from stylized comments included in each No. 2 ESS program. One type of comment provides information so that a flowchart of the program can be generated by machine. Another type of comment is used to produce a manual explaining all the teletypewriter messages that the program might issue.

Also provided as an optional output of the assembler are the results of the macro expansions and dollar substitutions. The programmer controls the format of each line as well as the deletion of undesired lines. This allows the assembler macro facilities to be used to produce an input data set for any of the No. 2 service programs or IBM 360 support programs.

III. LOADER

The LOADER program accepts output from SWAP assemblies. The assembled programs are combined and placed on disk storage as a paged image of the program store. All interprogram linkage is performed; that is, all external symbolic references are resolved. The program store image is in the form required by the simulator or twistor card preparation program.

3.1 *Object Program Module*

The output of a SWAP assembly is called an object program module. All object program module's of a project are normally contained in a single partitioned data set. They may exist only on a direct access device, although they may be saved on magnetic tape. There may be a number of object program module's for any program, reflecting various stages of development. The assembler creates a PRIVATE, or working copy. A utility program creates a PUBLIC copy from a relatively debugged PRIVATE copy (and pushes down the other PUBLIC copies). The LOADER normally loads the most recent PUBLIC copies but may load others as described later under the LOAD verb.

3.2 *Outputs of LOADER*

3.2.1 *Program Store Image*

The primary output of the LOADER is a paged image of the program store. It is made up of a 2048-byte record for each two planes (512

ESS words) loaded, plus a directory to indicate which plane is on which record.

3.2.2 *Printed Output of LOADER*

The LOADER produces four printouts. These are shown in the Appendix.

All control cards processed by the LOADER are listed. Diagnostics are self-explanatory; any error flags are explained at the end of the control card listings.

Unless suppressed, a loading map is generated. This map includes, for each program loaded, the version (PUBLIC or PRIVATE), time and date of assembly, first and last locations in the program, the number of a tape (if any) on which the assembly listing is stored, and a remark. The remark indicates whether the program was implicitly or explicitly loaded (see Section 3.3). If a program could not be found in the object program module data set, it is marked undefined. Printed below the loading map is a statement of whether any areas of the program store were loaded more than once. If overwrites were present, they are listed.

If a cross-reference table is requested, it lists all external references that were resolved by the loader. This may be a very large list. If the listing is not requested, only those references for which a diagnostic is generated are listed. The cross-reference table may be sorted by symbol name.

3.3 *Implicit Loading*

Unless EXPLICIT loading is specified, IMPLICIT loading is assumed. This means that any program that is referred to by one that has been previously loaded is also loaded. It is, therefore, possible to load all programs by explicitly mentioning only one. Programs not wanted may be excluded from the loading.

3.4 LOADER *Features*

The function of the LOADER is best described by describing some of the primary verbs.

3.4.1 *LOAD Statement*

The LOAD statement describes which programs, and what versions, are to be loaded. An unqualified program name indicates the latest PUBLIC version. Program names may be qualified by PRIVATE or a date. When the PRIVATE qualification is used, the PRIVATE version is loaded. When a date is specified, the latest version assembled not later than that date is loaded.

Example: LOAD BLMM IOMAIN(TPRIVATE) IOTEST(6/12/69)

3.4.2 EXCLUDE Statement

The EXCLUDE statement lists programs to be excluded from implicit loading.

Example: EXCLUDE CSUB PCMAINT

3.4.3 SET Statement

The SET statement defines or changes the value of a PUBLIC symbol; that is, a symbol to which an external reference is made. In Example 1, the symbol RETURN1 in the program BLMM is given the value 10436 octal. Example 2 equates the symbol SUB23 in the program IOSUB to the value of SUBA2 in CSUB.

Example 1: SET BLMM.RETURN1 = 10436

Example 2: SET IOSUB.SUB23 = CSUB.SUBA2

IV. SIMULATOR

The No. 2 ESS simulator, SMILE,* provides a powerful program checkout, or debugging, facility. It is also a vehicle for investigating the effects of proposed system changes.

4.1 Simulation

A typical user assembles his program, loads it along with related programs, and simulates it to find errors (see Fig. 1). He requests printouts of pertinent data at points where he expects specific results. If the results are not right, he examines all of the outputs. If he fails to find the trouble, he will simulate again, producing more output around the problem area. In this way, he can close in on the error. A map of the path taken by the program at each branch and a printout of the contents of the registers are tools for finding out what went wrong.

Proposed system changes can be evaluated using the simulator. For example, the effect on system capacity of changes in command timing can be studied by incorporating the changes into the simulator and observing the effects by simulating the call processing programs.

* SMILE is an acronym for switching machine interpreter for lazy engineers!

4.2 *Objectives of SMILE*

The main objectives in the design of SMILE were completeness of simulation, ease of use, and speed. It is thus possible to simulate a complete call using few control statements in a reasonable amount of IBM 360 time.

4.2.1 *Coverage*

SMILE simulates most processor commands, some No. 2 ESS input-output, but no internal wired logic. All commands used by the non-maintenance programmer are simulated. To perform No. 2 ESS input-output, special control statements have been developed. These enable one to place digits into originating registers at specified times. Other more general control statements allow locations in call store to be changed based on the reaching of specified program store locations or the passing of a specified amount of No. 2 ESS time. Special No. 2 ESS output messages are produced on certain external commands. All of these features are discussed in more detail in the following paragraphs.

4.2.2 *Ease of Use*

In order to make SMILE easy to use, default values on everything possible have been set to the most common value. For example, call store words are initially zero, and all scanners are initially ones. Each input to SMILE is written in the natural language for that item. Time, for example, may be written in cycles, microseconds, or milliseconds. Program store addresses and call store addresses are assembled and specified symbolically.

4.2.3 *Speed*

To be useful in a practical environment, a simulator must be fast. The simulation of a typical ESS instruction takes less than 30 microseconds on an IBM 360 model 65. This basic simulation ratio of better than 10 to 1 (elapsed time to simulated ESS time) is achieved by trading space for speed in the more common routines.

Another contributor to SMILE's speed is the preprocessing of control statements that will be performed during simulation. Control statements are converted to interpretive code which is executed each time the function is performed. The interpretive code produced must run fast, with little consideration given to how long it takes to produce the code. The interpretive code produced must not use a lot of core

because this would greatly limit the number of control statements possible.

Generation of outputs consumes a large portion of running time, so SMILE limits unnecessary printing. Unless told otherwise, SMILE only prints a final dump of the nonzero registers and call store, and a few error and special messages. Error messages are automatically turned off after ten of a kind have been printed. To produce more output, the user must explicitly ask for it.

4.3 Control Language

4.3.1 Initializing Statements

The control language that has been developed is natural and easy to use. To initialize a register, one merely writes an "=" statement as follows: (i) name of register, (ii) =, and (iii) value to be stored in the register. For example, GR = 1243. Since No. 2 ESS programmers are accustomed to octal code, data constants are interpreted as octal numbers. Counts and time are interpreted as decimal numbers. To initialize a word in call store, one writes an "=" statement as follows: (i) symbolic name of area in call store or octal address, (ii) =, and (iii) value to be stored. For example, CSTBL = 421 or 2310 = 1337.

Of the two groups of scanners in the No. 2 ESS, one is primarily used for lines and the other for trunks. "TRUNK(3,4)" refers to row number 4 in trunk scanner number 3. "LINE(2,5,3)" refers to bit number 3 of row number 5 of line scanner number 2. These functions may be used on the left side of "=" statements to initialize the scanners. For example, TRUNK(3,7,2) = 1 or LINE(5,4) = 176777.

4.3.2 Plants in Program Store

Simulation can be interrupted when specified program store locations are reached. At a location, a set of features can be planted. These would be performed each time that location is reached. Initialization statements as well as other features can be "planted" at a location.

4.3.3 Time and Automatic Interrupts

As each command is simulated, the timer is incremented by the amount of time the command takes in the No. 2 ESS. Concurrently, a check is made to see if the user has requested an interrupt at this point. There are three ways a user can request such an interrupt:

- (i) The TIME control statement says to perform the "range" (control

statements after the `TIME` and before the next `TIME` or plant) when the timer reaches the time specified by the first operand. If there is a second operand, the range will be performed again when that amount of time has elapsed, and each time thereafter. If a third operand exists, it tells when to stop processing this `TIME`.

(ii) The `AFTER` control statement is similar to the `TIME` control statement except that it is planted at a location. Its first and second operands correspond to the second and third operands of the `TIME` control statement. It enables a programmer to interrupt after a certain amount of time has passed after reaching a certain location.

(iii) The `INOUT` control statement generates other control statements which create an `INOUT` interrupt at the time indicated by the first operand. For ease of use, 25 milliseconds is assumed if the first operand is missing.

4.3.4 *Digit Insertion into Originating Register*

A digit control statement places digits into an originating register in call store, one for each time the control statement is encountered. The verb `DIGDP`, `DIGMF`, or `DIGTT` indicates how the second operand list is to be interpreted—dial pulse, multifrequency, or *Touch-Tone*[®]-dialing, respectively. The first operand indicates which originating register receives the digit. The second operand is a list consisting of symbolic codes indicating which digits are to be deposited.

If, as is usually the case, the digit control statement is used in the range of a `TIME`, the first digit is deposited at the time indicated by the first operand of the `TIME`, and successive digits are deposited at increments of time indicated by the second operand of the `TIME`. If the digit control statement is planted in a range at a program store location, the digits are deposited one at a time each time that program store word is simulated.

4.3.5 *Symbolic Input*

`SMILE` has been designed to allow symbolic reference to program store locations. A program may thus be changed without modification of the control statements. The `SWAP` assembler produces a symbol table with equivalences which the simulator uses. When symbols from several programs are referred to, it is necessary to indicate to which program each symbol belongs. The prefix notation is one way to do this. `IN1.LOOPMORE` is used to refer to the location `LOOPMORE` in program `IN1`. Prefix notation is used when a small number of symbols are needed from a given program.

The SYMBOLS PRNAME control statement informs SMILE that all nonprefixed symbols between here and the next SYMBOLS control statement are to be found in the symbol table from the program PRNAME.

4.3.6 Conditions

The ability to conditionally perform various control statements dependent on the comparison of variables is an essential part of the simulator control language. The IF and UNLESS verbs enable one to perform these comparisons in a natural manner.

"IF GR = 2" means to perform the next control statement if the contents of the general register (GR) is 2. Four relations are permitted: = (equal), < (less than), > (greater than), and \neg (not—used as a prefix). Combinations are also permitted: \leq , \geq , $\neg=$, $\neg>$, $\neg<=$, and so on. The not sign (\neg) negates the entire relation regardless of where it occurs.

"UNLESS LR=4" does the same thing as "IF LR \neg = 4." A condition applies to the single control statement that follows it, unless that statement is a BEGIN. Then the condition applies to the "block" of control statements starting with the BEGIN and ending with a paired END. Blocks may be nested up to a maximum depth of ten.

The expressions used on both sides of relations and "=" statements may include registers, constants, call and program store symbols, scanner functions, and the special dummy registers x0 through x20 combined with the following operators:

- @ indirection (constant refers to call store)
- ** integer exponentiation
- { * multiplication
- { / integer division (truncated)
- { + addition
- { - subtraction
- & logical AND
- | logical OR
- () parentheses may be used to alter the above hierarchy (operations on top are performed first).

For an example, consider: "IF GR = @(CSTBL+x0)*2**5&3740." The contents of dummy register x0 (which was previously set by something like $x0 = 12$ or $x0 = x0+1$) is first added to the address CSTBL. This sum is used to index into call store. The word thus obtained is saved while 2 is raised to the fifth power. Next, the saved word is multiplied by the power and the result is masked by 3740.

For another example, consider: "IF AA = LR|GR&AA -CA* LW**@CSEXP." The operations will be performed in the exact reverse order of the way they are written since each successive operator is higher in the above list than its predecessor.

4.3.7 Normal Sequence Breakers

In the process of using conditions, it is often desirable to jump over a set of control statements. This can be done by using the JUMP verb followed by a sequence symbol and by placing that sequence symbol just before the control statements with which processing should continue. This is a branch among control statements. Sequence symbols are by definition symbols which start with a period. For example, in the following input stream: ".CASE1" and ".CASE2" are sequence symbols:

```
IF GR = 1236 JUMP .CASE1
IF LR = 42 JUMP .CASE2
JUMP .OUT
.CASE1 GR = 12 SNAPTR JUMP .OUT
.CASE2 LR = 1232 SNAPTR JUMP .OUT
```

"JUMP .OUT" naturally means to jump out of this range and go back to simulation at the point it was interrupted.

It is often desirable to skip over a section of program or go to some other place. This can be done by using the GOTO verb followed by a program store address (symbolic or constant). For example, GOTO LOOPMORE+2, or GOTO LOOPMORE-1. This is a branch from performing control statements to the simulation of a particular program store word.

The verb which specifies the end of control statement processing and the start of simulation is START followed by the program store address where simulation is to begin. No address means simulation starts at the origin of the first program loaded.

4.4 Outputs

4.4.1 Transfer Trace

Transfer tracing is the process of following the flow of a program by printing out a line every time an instruction is executed out of sequence. Each line of trace output includes the type of branch and ten data words. The different types of branches are:

ADV	advance command (when progress mark found)
GOTO	GOTO control statement

PA = = control statement
 PIBn program interrupt begin command
 PIEn program interrupt end command
 TRACE all transfer commands (when transfer is taken).

There are two control statements used with tracing:

TRACE N
 FORMAT LIST.

The TRACE N control statement starts tracing and continues until N lines have been printed. It may be placed in the initial input stream, at a location, or in the range of a TIME. In the FORMAT control statement, LIST indicates which registers, call and program store words, scanner rows, and special registers X0–X20 are to be printed. Furthermore, the FORMAT statement is dynamic; it can be used not only in the initial input stream but also as a plant or in the range of a TIME. If a FORMAT statement is not encountered first, a default FORMAT is automatically generated whose LIST is "GR, CA, @CA, AA, KM, LR, LM, LW, RF, TB."

4.4.2 DSNAP and SNAPTR

A handy debugging device is the DSNAP statement which prints out all registers and call store words that have changed since the last DSNAP. The first DSNAP prints out all nonzero words. This type of output is slow since it has to compare the current contents of all of call store with the previous contents and also save the current as the new previous and print several lines showing changes. This kind of tool, although slow, can find errors that would otherwise go undetected. A wild write into call store shows up very quickly.

Whenever it is encountered, the SNAPTR feature causes the printing of a TRACE line. It and all the other features can be planted at a program store location or caused to happen at a given time.

The DATATR feature is a special feature which causes the printing of a TRACE line after each occurrence of the DATA command. The DATA command is used to retrieve data, such as translations, from the program store. A DATA trace effectively records the progress of a call by monitoring the translators. DATATR is usually placed in the initial input stream but can also be planted or put in the range of a TIME.

4.4.3 Special Messages

Most of the external commands are accompanied by special printouts. These printouts give pertinent information so the programmer can

see if the program produces the necessary outputs to perform the desired switching. Several other special messages are associated with the hold-get counter and transfers.

PRINT control statements control the printing of the above messages. The default case is to print each message ten times and then suppress the message. The PRINT control statement can turn a message OFF, or ON, or ON for a certain number of times. This statement is also dynamic—the ON-OFF-COUNT status of any message can be changed during simulation.

4.4.4 *Final Dump*

At the completion of each simulation, an automatic dump of all nonzero registers and nonzero call store locations is given. The dump takes the form of a DSNAP assuming the previous DSNAP was all zeros.

4.4.5 *Symbolic References to Program Store*

With each request for output, the following header prints on the left side of each line:

- (i) The current No. 2 ESS time.
- (ii) The current contents of the program address register. (The location of the plant. On transfers, the from location.)
- (iii) The symbolic equivalent of the program address which includes the symbolic name of the program, the nearest previous symbol, and the increment from the symbol.
- (iv) The name of the feature.

On features requiring multiple line output (like DSNAP), the header information appears only on the first line. The remaining fields are a function of the feature requested. For example, while tracing, there are ten data fields. For special messages, it may be a sentence with a variable inserted. Examples are shown in the appendix.

4.4.6 *Teletypewriter Output*

During simulation, a user's program may request the printing of No. 2 ESS teletypewriter messages. This is done by having the No. 2 ESS teletypewriter program produce printing and control characters, one at a time, during the 25 millisecond interrupt. This stream of characters is saved on a scratch data set. When the simulation of the user's program is complete, control may be passed to a special set of control statements which will cause the teletypewriter program, via a fast simulation, to generate all characters in any remaining messages.

When all simulation is complete, the teletypewriter post processor sorts by teletypewriter number and prints all the saved characters. This last step is omitted if the user never starts any teletypewriter messages.

4.5 Internal Structure

SMILE consists of three basic divisions: input control statement interpreter, command simulator, and teletypewriter message processor.

During the first phase, all control statements are scrutinized. Flags are planted where indicated functions are to be accomplished, the interpretive code required to evaluate expressions is generated, and a queue of all time-based interrupts is formed.

When the last control statement, *START*, is encountered, phase two, the actual simulation, commences. Each command from the program is simulated by a subroutine selected by using its operation code as an index into a transfer table. Input and output functions are performed when flags requesting them are encountered. The interrupt list is checked each time a command subroutine increases the timer. Ranges are executed whenever they are reached. Expressions are dynamically evaluated each time they are encountered and conditions are performed based on these results. Whenever a "stop" or an unrecoverable error occurs, the simulation phase stops, and post processing takes place. Any teletypewriter messages generated during simulation are finally printed.

V. SUMMARY

The service programs described in this article comprise about 50,000 words, about two-thirds of which are the assembler. These programs are now in use for the No. 2 ESS project. The assembler was designed to be common to several projects at Bell Laboratories, and the authors wish to acknowledge the contribution of Messrs. R. E. Archer, A. J. Emrick, and E. Walton to the design and implementation of this program.

Typical execution times are one minute for assemblies (up to two minutes for 250 page assemblies), one minute to load all programs, and one to three minutes for simulations. The use of the powerful facilities of SWAP varies greatly among programmers. Some make extensive use of the macro features; others, almost no use. This appears to be caused by the difficulty of learning these features well enough to use them effectively. Once a programmer overcomes this obstacle, he uses the tools often.

Most system programs have been extensively simulated; as a result,

they were relatively debugged before being tested in the laboratory model. For example, only five program bugs were found using the laboratory model before the first call was completed. The simulator is expected to continue to be a valuable tool for the life of No. 2 ESS program development.

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APPENDIX

Computer Samples

The tables on the following pages are photographic reproductions of computer printouts.

TIME AND DATE OF ASSEMBLY
LISTING TAPE
NUMBER
35: 12 7/09/68 3473
SWAP VERSION
SYMBOL LIBRARY
ID NUMBER
PROGRAM NAME
ITV 5273 5-3
RE PRESENT ORDER.
NEXT ONE IF NOT.

21:

WE ARE NOW SET UP FOR REDOOR TO READ THE
CHECK IF IT IS A STOP ORDER AND GET THE
(OF COURSE WE KNOW THE PRESENT ONE IS
KEEP THE LOOP SWAP).

MODIFICATION NUMBER
LINE NUMBER
COMMENT CARD
LOCATION SYMBOL
INSTRUCTION
VARIABLE FIELD

WE ARE NOW SET UP FOR REDOOR TO READ THE
CHECK IF IT IS A STOP ORDER AND GET THE
(OF COURSE WE KNOW THE PRESENT ONE IS
KEEP THE LOOP SWAP).

ADD 1 TO ORDER COUNT
CHECK NEXT ORDER
READOOR
REDOOR
CALL
TSA
ORDEBL
MST
NORM42
INIFIL2
TCNS
HORM42
INHOPI
COMTBL
OR
AAVLR
GRVAA
REFYGR
GRVLM
DATA
LWGR
GT
LMGR
GRPF
LRVAA
TCNS
TRA

YES. USE COMMON ORDER
SAVE ORDER ADDRESS
ADDRESS OF ORDtbl. ENTRY
SAVE RF
GET ORDtbl. ENTRY
TEST FOR STOP CODE
RESTORE P.F. AND AA
REMARKS FIELD
NO. CHECK NEXT ORDER
YES, THEY ARE NOW IN

THE FOLLOWING ROUTINES ARE THE ACKNOWLEDGE
WHEN CALLED, THEY LOAD THE APPROP. MESSAGE
THE INPUT MESSAGE HAD BEEN USING VIA A

FORMAT ER
NO. OF LLR
PACK (7, TV, QS 7, TV, E)
FATEL ERROR
FATEL ERROR
JANKUG
ISOP OP-LLR
PACK(7, TV, QS 7, TV, F)
LRL
EATALEPR
ISOP OP-LLR
ISOP OP-LLR
PACK(7, TV, QS 7, TV, O1
FATALER
ISOP OP-LLR
PACK(7, TV, QS 7, TV, C)
FATALER

THIS CH
TILEMAN
TILEMAN

SWAP INSERTED NOP

SEE TRACE SECRET RESTRICTIVE NOTICE ON INDEX PAGE

TYPE OF LINE
TYPE - PART 2 OF THE NO. 2 LESS TELETYPE PROGRAM

MODIFICATION NUMBER
LINE NUMBER
COMMENT CARD
LOCATION SYMBOL
INSTRUCTION
VARIABLE FIELD

WE ARE NOW SET UP FOR REDOOR TO READ THE
CHECK IF IT IS A STOP ORDER AND GET THE
(OF COURSE WE KNOW THE PRESENT ONE IS
KEEP THE LOOP SWAP).

ADD 1 TO ORDER COUNT
CHECK NEXT ORDER
READOOR
REDOOR
CALL
TSA
ORDEBL
MST
NORM42
INIFIL2
TCNS
HORM42
INHOPI
COMTBL
OR
AAVLR
GRVAA
REFYGR
GRVLM
DATA
LWGR
GT
LMGR
GRPF
LRVAA
TCNS
TRA

YES. USE COMMON ORDER
SAVE ORDER ADDRESS
ADDRESS OF ORDtbl. ENTRY
SAVE RF
GET ORDtbl. ENTRY
TEST FOR STOP CODE
RESTORE P.F. AND AA
REMARKS FIELD
NO. CHECK NEXT ORDER
YES, THEY ARE NOW IN

THE FOLLOWING ROUTINES ARE THE ACKNOWLEDGE
WHEN CALLED, THEY LOAD THE APPROP. MESSAGE
THE INPUT MESSAGE HAD BEEN USING VIA A

FORMAT ER
NO. OF LLR
PACK (7, TV, QS 7, TV, E)
FATEL ERROR
FATEL ERROR
JANKUG
ISOP OP-LLR
PACK(7, TV, QS 7, TV, F)
LRL
EATALEPR
ISOP OP-LLR
ISOP OP-LLR
PACK(7, TV, QS 7, TV, O1
FATALER
ISOP OP-LLR
PACK(7, TV, QS 7, TV, C)
FATALER

THIS CH
TILEMAN
TILEMAN

SWAP INSERTED NOP

SEE TRACE SECRET RESTRICTIVE NOTICE ON INDEX PAGE

TYPE OF LINE
TYPE - PART 2 OF THE NO. 2 LESS TELETYPE PROGRAM

PR-2H015--PROGRAM LISTING NUMBER

---SWAP INSERTED NOP
ATIVE NOTICE ON INDEX PAGE

TYPE OF LINE-----
 TYPE - PART 2 OF THE NO. 2 ESS TELETYPE PROGRAM
 TITLE-----
 SEE TRAOR SECRET R

TABLE II—LOADER CONTROL CARDS

```

PRINT      XREF
LOAD       IO
LOAD       TESTPRI(PRIVATE)
LOAD       TESTPR2 TESTPR5
EXCLUDE    TESTPR4,TESTPR5  * PRGMS NOT YET DEFINED.
#
#          UGLY NOT AVAILABLE, USE TESTPRI
#          ALIAS TESTPRI UGLY
#          EXCLUDE UGLY
U          MISTAKE
SET        TESTPR2,SYM12 = 5236
SET        PR13.ALPHA = TESTPR2.BETA
SET        CPDIG.IOSTOP = IOMAIN.T.IOPAUSE
SET        CPDIG.NSTORES = 3
ALIAS      IO,IOMAIN.T
ENCL

```

L FLAG MEANS PROGRAM TO BE EXCLUDED WAS EXPLICITLY LOADED ABOVE.
 U FLAG MEANS INVALID VERS - IGNORED.

TABLE III—LOADING MAP

VERSION	PROGRAM	ORIGIN	LAST	ASSEMBLED	REMARKS	TAPE
PRIVATE	IO	17600	17664	11:33:33	2/26/69	EXPLICIT F072
PRIVATE	TESTPRI	03002	05012	17:35:00	1/20/69	EXPLICIT AT05
PUBLIC	0 TESTPR2	10000	15002	10:47:44	1/15/69	EXPLICIT CB50
PUBLIC	0 TESTPR5					UNDEFINED
PUBLIC	0 CPDIG					UNDEFINED
PUBLIC	0 TESTPR3	20130	20145	9:14:36	12/06/68	IMPLICIT 1326

OVERWRITES WERE ENCOUNTERED, SEE FOLLOWING PAGE.

TABLE V—SIMULATOR INPUT

```

* SIMULATOR CONTROL STATEMENTS:
  FORMAT GR,CA,2CA,AA,LINF(5,4),X0,PSYM,CSYM,LM,KM
  SYMBOLS MYPRGM
  TRACE 400
  2000 = OR10
  INQ1 3MS
  LOOP      SNAPTR
  AUXPRGM.MID SNAPTR
  RET       SNAPTR
  CHECK     DSNAP GR=1243
            IF CF=1 BEGIN CF=0 IF CA<120 GOTO NEXT END
            ELSE BEGIN CF=1 IF CA<200 GOTO AGAIN END
            IF LR=200 CSTBL=421
            Z310=1337
  TEST      X0=X0+1
            IF X0=1 BEGIN TRUNK(3,7,2)=1 CA=210013 GOTO TEST1 END
            IF X0=2 BEGIN LINF(5,4)=176777 GOTO TEST2 END
            IF X0>=3 STOP
  MIDWAY    AFTER BUS GOTO INTPRGM.INT3
  TIME 14MS,10MS DIGDP ORID,6,8,2,2,2,7,9
  TIME 50MS STOP
  START     MYPRGM.BGN

```

TABLE VI—SIMULATOR OUTPUT

[illegible]